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**Metropolitan King County Council, District 9**

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Mr. Dean Logan, Director  
Records, Elections & Licensing Services  
500 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 553  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Mr. Logan,

A constituent of mine recently contacted me and brought to my attention that their personal identification information is available on the King County Records and Elections website at [www.metrokc.gov/recelec/records](http://www.metrokc.gov/recelec/records). Upon further investigation by using this site, my staff has been able to access the social security numbers of many local elected officials and other high-profile individuals in our community.

My staff was able to access this information by clicking on the images link for certain deeds of trust that are readily available to anyone with access to the internet. With the threat of identity theft at great levels, this is certainly a major breach of personal security for these individuals.

Upon speaking with your staff, it has been learned that the burden is currently on the citizen to request that certain documents be made unavailable for public viewing. I believe that the individuals would do this if they knew that their personal information was available. I understand the desire to provide low or no-cost documents to the public, but the potential price to pay is too high. Placing this burden on our unknowing constituents is unacceptable.

In light of these discoveries, I urge you to take the following action:

- **Immediately disable access to the Records & Elections online documents.**
- **Disable the imaging option for public records on the site until greater security measures can be implemented.**
- **Develop a different system for tracking this information that does not place the burden of discovery on the citizen.**

King County must act on this. I anticipate and look forward to your acknowledgement of this problem and subsequent action.

Regards,

Reagan Dunn  
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